8/18/72

Dear Jim,

The envelope of which you spoke did arrive. I hope to get to go over the affidavit drafts before I have to leave for Bethesda later. If I do not, I will get this done over the weekend and will either phone or write.

My immediate purpose is limited and in another area. Something has happened that impels me to ask these questions of you.

When you returned from my legal file the copy you had xeroxed from one of the papers in that file, you recognized it was mine. This is not to say that others could not on their own have duplicated that material but it is to say that this was not done, that my file was used in an improper way of which I have already complained. I have repeatedly asked for the original I had in that file. It has not been returned nor has there been response. However, this is background, not new complaint. I presume that eventually I'll get that box back, as you promised, and that none of you will tell me what other improper uses have been made. I do not in all cases say that each of you knows, so this is not a universal accusation.

Now there are things about which none of you know and for the most part don't care. It is in connection with one of these that I asked separately for the prompt return of that original I supplied. I then had need for it, I now have more need for it, and no copy will replace it for these needs.

That not having been done after all this time, I am forced to ask questions of you that I'd prefer you not to spread around until the matter that immediately concerns me is resolved, for it is important to me that I learn the truth, not something concocted to accomplish the hiding of it. You may not trust my judgement on this or related matters, but I tell you it may in the end be a matter of serious concern to all of us.

So, I want to know what copies in what form were made of this inventory and to whom they were supplied and when. This means whether there were copies of the entire thing supplied, copies of individual pages, and in each case to whom and of what kind. It may be important, for example, to know whether you had some xeroxed, some copied on your office machine, some done on that beautiful thing in Bud's office, or on other machines, elsewhere, and of whatever type. The kind of paper is a factor, as are other things.

There will be nothing secret about this, but I don't want feedback or the opposite, so I ask first. I hope to get the complete truth. When you are here you can see why and reach whatever conclusions you want. In my view, one is entirely unavoidable and beyond any misinterpretation. It is this that I desire to carry forward. I hope you can see your way clear to do this promptly.

Best,